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Sandy Hook incident prompts safety walk through in schools

Charlotte Smith
Editor

While families from Sandy Hook Elementary School continue to bury their young loved ones the Fulton County Board of Education has school safety here in Fulton County on their minds. Superintendent Dennis Bledsoe provided the board on Thursday, Dec. 20 during the monthly meeting with a time line of his actions when he heard the news of Friday, Dec. 14 in Newtown, Conn.

"I wondered if all our doors were locked," he said. "So I went to check it out. Dale Jackson and I also performed a walk through of the schools to see if there were any changes we needed to make." During the safety walk a couple of potential areas of concern were noticed and are already being addressed.

Supt. Bledsoe also submitted a Letter to the Editor in the Hickman Courier addressing the community about the district's current safety procedures.

"First and foremost I talked to the teachers about how Monday (Dec. 17) should start out following an incident such as this," continued Supt. Bledsoe.

Next on his mind was metal detectors, security, and the possible need for a school resource officer. "We are also working in conjunction with the Hickman

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SPIRITED SONG - Shawn Sams, of South Fulton, leads over 100 inmates in song during a service at the Fulton County Detention Center last Sunday. The new facility, which serves as a Sunday morning chapel and weekday class room for the Substance Abuse Program, was constructed by inmate labor. Parkway Church of Christ, of Fulton, conducted the morning service, with each inmate receiving a Christmas gift bag prepared by local churches from Hickman and Cayce. (photo by Charles Choate)

Should gun control issue be revisited?

Many have an opinion on this issue

Dennis Richardson
Charlotte Smith

Proponents of gun control have picked up momentum following the recent school shootings at Sandy Hook elementary school in Connecticut.

President Barack Obama has said that in the upcoming weeks he will use whatever power in his control to prevent any more tragedies such as what happened at Sandy Hook.

According to a CBS news poll fewer than 42 percent think stricter gun control laws would have prevented the tragedy at Sandy Hook.

Gun control laws follow distinct party lines with more Democrats asking for tighter gun control laws while most Republicans remain silent on that issue, the poll indicates.

Support for stricter gun control laws is highest in the Northeast (66 percent), the poll indicates, while those who live in the Midwest and South are less likely to favor tougher gun control laws.

CNN reported that on the heels of the Sandy Hook massacre, several lawmakers have promised to

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Recognition for three outgoing school board members

Charlotte Smith
Editor

Recognizing those who have served while greeting those who will begin serving was on the agenda during last week's school board meeting. Board Members Melanie Atwill, Lynn Grissom and Cheryl Williams all received certificates presented to them by Superintendent Dennis Bledsoe on Thursday, Dec. 20 during the last regular school board meeting of the year.

Starting in January Perry Turner and Barry Patrick, both in attendance Thursday night, and Dale Vowell will join Wiley Gannon and Rob Garrigan on the five member board. Also recognized was Fulton County Middle School teacher Beth McWhirt for her accomplishment of becoming a National Board Certified teacher.

Ellen Murphy, Fulton County High School (FCHS) Assistant Principal and Dean of Students shared highlights with the board from the first semester at FCHS. Those items include the increase in PLAN composite scores, the ACT composite score of 15.6 for 2011, ASVAB scores, having 50 students enrolled in dual credit classes through West Kentucky Technical & Community College and eight through Murray State University.

More good news includes Masi Heintz being enlisted in the US Army as a Medical Laboratory Specialist. She, along with classmate Ladarrian Polk, will leave in July.

After tabling the decision to buy a school bus or not, the board revisited the item. "All the buses I found available to us that meet our standards were all 10-15 years old," stated Supt. Bledsoe." Ones he found that were more reasonable with less miles, did not meet Kentucky standards.

Supt. Bledsoe recommended the board wait to purchase the bus until more funds where in the account. "We currently have $62,000 available to purchase a bus," he said. "If we went

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RECOGNIZED FOR YEARS OF SERVICE - Fulton County Schools Superintendent Dennis Bledsoe (left) recognized outgoing school board members (l to r) Melanie Atwill, Lynn Grissom, and Cheryl Williams for their years of service serving on the board on Thursday, Dec. 20. (Photo submitted.)



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Local Weather

Sun 12/23 55/46
Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the mid 40s.

Mon 12/24 53/35
Showers. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the mid 30s.

Tue 12/25 45/32
Showers. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the low 30s.

Wed 12/26 35/22
Snow showers. Highs in the mid 30s and lows in the low 20s.

Thu 12/27 38/27
Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 30s and lows in the upper 20s.

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River level increase benefits Port

Charlotte Smith
Editor

"We had a good November," stated Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority Assistant Port Director Amy Williamson. "We've had a lot of barges move through the port." Williamson and Port Director Greg Curlin met with David Lattus, Will Rice and John Wayne Davie, without voting on the minutes or the November Operating Report due to the lack of a quorum on Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 2 p.m.

"Yes, we were busy in November, "added Port Director Curlin. Down only eight barges for the same time frame during the last fiscal year, Curlin is confident January 2013 will be just as busy as January 2012, when the Port moved 21 barges.

"Things are getting back to

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CAMEL LOT - Fifth graders Madison Halstead (left) and Cameron Cole (right) opened the play on Tuesday, Dec. 18 on the stage in the Fulton County Elementary/Middle School. The fifth graders performed the play while other students helped out by singing songs. The play was directed by Ginger Bard. (See more photos on page 8.)

Public transportation to be offered on New Year's Eve

The Keg Bar & Grill, Fulton, Ky., has teamed up with Buck's Party Mark and the Fulton County Transit Authority to provide the first ever public transportation system on New Year's Eve. The Keg and Buck's cares about their customers and

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Prehoda achieves dream of becoming a registered nurse

Charlotte Smith
Editor

West Kentucky Community & Technical College (WKCTC) held two pinning ceremonies on December 7. This is evidence that an interest in entering the nursing field is on the rise. Hickman's Crystal Prehoda was a participant in this special event. She began taking classes as a full-time student in January 2010.

"I have known since I was 17 years old that I wanted to be a nurse," she said. "The RN program at WKCTC is amazing! It takes a lot of hard work and dedication, but the instructors and staff want you to succeed and are there to help you in any way that you need."

Setting an example for her children was also part of Prehoda's goal when she set out on this journey.

"After becoming a mother of three, I knew that I wanted to show my kids that attending and completing college and achieving your dreams was extremely important," commented Prehoda. "There were many late nights and lots of stress; however, walking across the stage and receiving

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Crystal Prehoda



COMPUTERS FOR CHRISTMAS GIVEAWAY - This year the students from FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) through sponsor Mr. Terry Sullivan's computer class provided 20 computers for elementary school students at Fulton County Elementary/Middle School. This is the 12th year the technology savvy students in Fulton County were able to do this worthwhile project. (Photo submitted.)

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Turning Back The Clock

25 Years Ago
March 10, 1988

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mudd and children will be honored at a household gift tea at West Baptist Church on March 10. The family lost all of their belongings when a fire destroyed their house trailer on Monday, Feb. 29.

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Mrs. Shirley Helms of Concord, N.C. accompanied her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Everett of Hickman, on a trip to Europe recently.

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Mrs. Beulah Aldridge recently celebrated her 90th birthday. Her late husband, Charlie, owned and operated a grocery store in Hickman many years ago.

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Fifth graders on the honor roll for the fourth six weeks are Pricilla Crumble and Carolyn Terrett. Six graders were Stephanie Henson, Scott Shell, and Jennifer Rhoades. Seventh graders were Emily Bellew, Brad Ellingburg, Amelia Alexander, Delissa Zickefoose. Eighth graders were Sean Caldwell, Mary Carol Harris, Mike Hopkins and Amy Major.

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Obituaries: Vivian Hammock, 72 and James H. Briggs, 90.

50 Years Ago
May 30, 1963

Joyce Davie was named Fulton County's Dairy Princess.

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An electric blanket caught on fire Sunday morning at Don Chaney's residence in West Hickman and caused considerable damage. Mrs. Chaney said she discovered the smoke when she returned home from church.

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Mike Greer is still recuperating from having eight stitches taken in his forehead following being hit by a baseball bat at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. "Red" Garrison.

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Henry Cooley, RECC lineman injured recently was in Memphis for a checkup Wednesday. He was accompanied by Harold Everett, manager and Mrs. Everett and his wife, Dorothy.

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Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Lannom of Bowling Green spent last week with her mother, Mrs. Than Rogers.

75 Years Ago
May 27, 1938

The fish calendar and all the signs were working last Thursday afternoon when O.H. Taylor, Warwick Hale, Dan Aquino and Dr. O.H. Taylor, Jr. rowed out on Reelfoot Lake for an afternoon of sport. The fish were so hungry that they almost ate hook, line and sinker, and the boys got so many that they had to quit counting in a very short time. After throwing many of them back in the lake, some say they had a washtub full to bring home.

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Members and friends of West Hickman Baptist Church are looking forward to a red-letter day next Sunday, May 29, when they will dedicate the fine new church they have erected on the site of their former church which was destroyed by fire last January.

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The civic committee of the local Woman's Club, directed by Miss Homer Green and assisted by N.Y.A. boys, have made the railroad park look like a different place in the last few weeks.

125 Years Ago
May 27, 1888

Nearly all of our merchants say business has been unusually good this spring. This is really encouraging to say the least of it and can indicate that this will prove a year of much business and prosperity.

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The county commissioners advertise for proposals for building a piling bridge across Mud Creek, and for repairing levee on state roads. A good and substantial levee through Mud Creek bottom is very much needed and would improve the economy in the long run.

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The wheat crop in this section, we hear it predicted, will be at least 25 percent short of last year, but the increased price will bring about the same amount of money in the county. The corn crop has been greatly set back by the cut worms. The meadows on many farms have been literally ruined by the army worms.

Kentucky FFA members eligible for Monty's Plant Food Company Scholarships

Louisville, Ky.— Monty's Plant Food Company, a Louisville, Kentucky-based manufacturer of plant and soil enhancement products for the agriculture, industry, is now accepting applications from Kentucky students for four, $1,000 college scholarships. The awards will be made in conjunction with the National FFA Organization to high school seniors who are members of FFA.

To be eligible students must also meet criteria including:

- Resides in Kentucky – Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Indiana, Ohio, Maryland, North Carolina, North Dakota, South Carolina, Tennessee or Virginia residents are also eligible to apply
- Live on a family farm
- Plan to pursue post-secondary education and study agronomy and crop science, sustainable agriculture, soil science or soil conservation
- Have a minimum high school GPA of 3.25
- Have participated in community service

A complete list of criteria is listed online at www.montysplantfood.com.

Scholarship applications are available online at www.ffa.org/scholarships. The deadline to apply is February 15, 2013. The Monty's Plant Food Company scholarships will be awarded in May.

"FFA is a wonderful leadership program and we are proud to partner with such an influential organization to offer scholarships to young people in agriculture," said Dennis Stephens, president, Monty's Plant Food Company. "We value education and are pleased to help students pursue a college degree."

Each year, the National FFA Organization awards approximately $2 million in scholarships sponsored by businesses and individuals through the National FFA Foundation. Scholarships are awarded for a wide variety of experiences, career goals and higher education plans. Students can complete one application to be considered for all scholarships offered through the National FFA Organization.

About Monty's Plant Food Company

Monty's Plant Food Company develops plant and soil solutions for growers around the world in the agriculture, horticulture, lawn and garden and turf industries. In each segment, Monty's offer products and protocols to address specific needs and challenges. Founded in 1997, the Louisville, Kentucky-based company's products are effective, environmentally sound and economically feasible. For more information about Monty's plant, soil and specialty products, visit http://www.montysplantfood.com or Facebook.com/MontysPlantFood.

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RECEIVING AN AWARD - Active members with the Purchase Area Development District including McCracken County Judge/Executive Van Newberry, Mr. James O. Butts of Fulton County, Mrs. Frances Hamilton of McCracken County, Fulton County Judge/Executive David Gallagher, and Mr. Matt Mattingly of Calloway County were recently recognized by the Board. (Photo submitted.)

PADD board recognizes members with distinguished service awards

The Purchase Area Development District created the Lifetime Service Award to acknowledge individuals who have served more than 30 years on the PADD Board of Directors. At the December 2012 meeting of the Board, Mrs. Frances Hamilton, a citizen member from McCracken County was honored for her 30 years of service.

"We are grateful for the years of public service Mrs. Hamilton has provided to the region through her participation and leadership on the PADD Board of Directors," said Jennifer Beck Walker, Executive Director. "Mrs. Hamilton has served as PADD Board Chairperson, West Kentucky Private Industry Council Chairperson, and Purchase Area Housing Corporation Chairperson. Currently, she is Chairperson of the Purchase Area Child Care Advisory Council, a position she has held since 2001. We have been very fortunate to have such an engaged and well informed Board of Directors and this is a small recognition of the value of that commitment to our region's progress."

Also during the December 2012 meeting of the Purchase Area Development District (PADD) Board of Directors, recognized seven others for their years of service. We appreciate the years of public service these members have provided through their participation on the PADD Board of Directors.

5 Years of Service

Mayor Steve Cary, Marshall County

Judge David Gallagher, Fulton County

Mr. Matt Mattingly, Calloway County

Judge Van Newberry, McCracken County

Judge Vicki Viniard, Ballard County

10-14 Years of Service

Mr. James O. Butts, Fulton County

Mr. Don Simpkins, Graves County

PADD is one of the fifteen area development districts in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Its mission is to promote sustainable economic growth in the Purchase region of the Commonwealth and improve the quality of life for its citizens. For more information, contact the Purchase Area Development District by calling (270) 247-7171 or visit our website at www.purchaseadd.org.



KIND GESTURE - Cayce United Methodist Church gathered bags of fruit, candy, and drinks for inmates at the Fulton County Detention Center on Thursday, Dec. 20. Pictured above are, l to r, Fulton County Magistrate District 2 George A. Jones, Carolyn Jones, Larry Gardner, and Greg Curlin. (Photo by Barbara Atwill)

Transportation

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friends in our community. They want everyone to have a good time but also be save this New Years. So this new door to door service will run from 6:30 p.m. on New Year's Eve until 2:30 a.m. on New Year's Day.

It will conveniently and safely pick you up at home or your location and drop you anywhere in the coverage area. The transit coverage area is all of Fulton County plus a 5 mile radius around the Twin Cities of Fulton and South Fulton.

Buck's and the Keg are underwriting most of the expenses associated with this New Year's Eve service, but there will be a small charge of $3 per trip leg to help pay the difference. Three dollars is a small price to pay to avoid someone getting a DUI or worse, someone dying on our roadways during this holiday season.

Buck's and the Keg encourage all of their friends to drink responsibly. So enjoy your New Year's holiday, and leave the driving to someone else. For a pick up on New Year's Eve simply call Fulton County Transit Dispatch at 270-472-0662. Store this number in your cell phone so you'll have it to call for your return home at the end of your evening.

Call Fulton County Transit at 270-472-0662 with any additional questions.

Nurse

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my RN pin with my family there meant the world to me and made it all worth it."

She contributes her success in achieving her goal of becoming a nurse to her husband, Adam, children Josie, Cailey, and Ryan and her parents Jan and Roger Adams for all their support while she was following her dream. "Without them, I would not have made it!" she added.

Prehoda knows she is walking into a career path that can be very hard and stressful at times, but also realizes that the positives definitely outweigh the negatives.

"As a new graduate, "I can not wait to get started in this rewarding career!" she said excitedly.

Editor's note: See more on the pinning ceremony at WKCTC on page 3.

New Year's Greetings


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Courier Crumbs

Our Hickman Courier readers and Facebook friends are starting a new weekly column in the paper called the "Courier Crumbs". Each week we will share three or four old or new recipes for you to try. Please feel free to submit your own recipes for publication. Please specify if they are old or new and who they are from and send to hickmancourier@bellsouth.net or our Facebook page.

Jackie's Marinated Ham Rolls

Submitted by Charlene Cox Sheehan

2 pkg. 24 count dinner rolls
8 oz. sliced ham
2 pkg. 6 oz. pkg. swiss cheese
1/2 cup melted butter
1 1/2 Tbl. poppy seed (can use less)
1 1/2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
1 1/2 t. prepared mustard
1 tsp. onion flakes
2 Tbls. sesame seeds (can use less)

Cut entire package of dinner rolls in half, leaving lower half in the aluminum pan. Layer ham and cheese on bottom portion of rolls. Place the top half on ham and cheese to form large sandwich. Mix melted butter, poppy seeds, worcestershire sauce, mustard and onion flakes together. Pour this mixture over your large sandwich in pan. Chill overnight or until margarine is firm. Sprinkle with sesame seeds. Bake uncovered for 20 minutes at 350 degrees or until heated throughout. Cut into individual sandwiches.

NOTE: I cut 2 small rolls per sandwich.

Tracey's Hot Brown

Submitted by Tracey Lamb

4 Tbsp. butter
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/8 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp white pepper
1 cup milk
1/4 cup Parmesan cheese
3/4 cup sharp shredded cheddar
4 slices toasted bread
Sliced Turkey
1/8 tsp. paprika
4 slices tomatoes
4 slices bacon, cooked

In a medium saucepan over low heat, melt butter.

Blend in flour; stirring until smooth. Stir in salt and pepper.

Gradually add milk. Continue cooking, stirring constantly until smooth and thickened.

Add grated cheeses; simmer for about 8 minutes. Sauce will be quite thick.

Arrange 2 slices of toast on each of 2 ovenproof plates.

Top each slice of toast with turkey slices, cover with sauce, then sprinkle with a little paprika.

Top each with a slice of tomato and a slice of cooked bacon.

Bake a 400° for 10 minutes or until sauce is bubbly.

Hot Brown Sandwich recipe serves 2.

Chess Cake Recipe

Given me by Mrs. Grace French. submitted by Martha Curlin

1 stick butter
1 cup sugar
1 t. vanilla flavoring
1 cup self-rising flour
3 eggs

Cream butter and sugar until fluffy, add eggs one at a time beating well after each, add flour and blend well, add vanilla flavoring and blend. Makes one cake layer. Cook until done about 30 mintes at 350. Good to use as a shortcake with strawberries, or with a pudding sauce over it, or a scoop of ice cream with chocolate topping!

Happy Birthday

The Hickman Courier wishes all these good folks a very happy birthday! Help make their days more special by remembering them with a card or a phone call.

December 30 – Kathy Moss, Penny Fleming, Michael Henry, Christopher J. Enloe, Andrew Wade Spencer, Jerry Bradshaw, Haley Newcomb.

December 31 – Kathryn Parnell, Debbie Canaday, Glen Wright, Tina Hamil, Arnita Cheirs, Missy Nicholson, Ricky Bates, Ira Bates, Modene Totty, Melissa Stroud, Zachary Curlin, and Derrick Ward.



January 1 – Shelia Moss, Charles Brannam, Mrs. Michael Wilkerson, Randy Emery, Sandy Emery, Sherry Pair, Twana Jo Davis, Shady Moore, Pat Earley, and Rhonda Dinwiddie.

January 2 – Billy Amberg, David Sims, and Patti Patey.

January 3 – Jimmy Ray Elks, Jr., Daniel Williams, Laramy Liggett Allen, Michael Crowell, MaddieKate Coffey, and Elizabeth Ann Lattus.

January 4 – Jonny Bennett, Sandra Weatherspoon, and Jennifer Parker.

January 5 – Rick Deater, Joye Stokes, Michael Stowe, Karen Green, Gene R. Yates, Larry Hunter, Marianna Harris, and Savannah Renee Barber.





PRACTICAL NURSING - Laura Durbin, West Kentucky Community and Techical College assistant nursing professor presents Hopkins County resident Ashley Jones with practical nursing pin during pinning ceremony in the Clemens Fine Arts Center on December 7. (Photo submitted.)

WKCTC nursing students receive nursing pins in two ceremonies for first time

West Kentucky Community & Technical College's nursing department held two pinning ceremonies for May 2013 graduate candidates in the Clemens Fine Arts Center on December 7.

This was the first time the nursing department held two pinning ceremonies. "We are proud to have 396 nursing graduates over the past five years and that number continues to grow as the healthcare industry continues to need qualified nurses," said Shari Gholson, WKCTC dean of nursing. "So this year we needed to have two pinning ceremonies to better accommodate our students and their families in the Clemens Fine Arts Center."

This year eighty-two nursing students crossed the stage to receive nursing pins in their respective programs. Thirty-three received pins representing the completion of the practical nursing program in the first ceremony. During the second ceremony, 49 students received pins representing the completion of the associate degree in nursing program.

The pinning ceremony is a symbolic welcoming of newly graduated nurses into the nursing profession.

Those receiving pins for the associate degree in nursing: Ballard County, Emily Ann Hunt; Fulton County, Crystal Prehoda; and Hickman County, Emily Horton.



NURSING PINNING CEREMONY - Donna Downs, West Kentucky Community & Technical College nursing professor, presents McCracken County resident Brandon Huff with the Nightingale Award during pinning ceremony in Clemens Fine Arts Center on December 7. (Photo submitted.)

Senior Spirit

By Glenda Cochrum

May this Christmas season touch your heart and your home with laughter……

The Week after Christmas

It's a week after Christmas, I'm crabby and I'm broke. I'm so full of ham and fruitcake, I think I'm gonna' croak!

It's nice to see the relatives. I wonder when they'll leave? They've been camping in my bathroom since early Christmas Eve.

They're eating everything in sight and sleeping in my bed. I been sacked out in the basement with my old beagle Fred.

The relatives have all gone out and left their screaming brats. The toilet bowl is all plugged up and I can't find the cat!

Now they're in a free-for-all the girls against the boys. They're fighting over boxes 'cause they're bored with all their toys.

My mother-in-law is snoring in my favorite TV chair. Those kids are stringing lights on her and tinseling her hair.

I love the decorations and the sleigh bells in the snow, But I wish those pesky relatives would take their kids and go!

~Author Unknown

We play Bingo (25 cents a card) each Monday and Wednesday following lunch! Come out and win a prize! The games start at approximately 11:30. The money goes to assist with buying materials for Adult Day Care (ADC) activities. Winners of this week's Bingo games were: Mary Helen McCauley, Kelty Conder, Ray Drewry and Kelty Conder, coverall, were the Monday winners. Wednesday Bingo winners were Mary Helen McCauley (2 games), Evelyn Burcham, and Evelyn Burcham, coverall.

Words of Wisdom: I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year." ~ Charles Dickens (1812-1870), English author. From 'A Christmas Carol'.

The following items with be served at the Senior Center next week:

Monday, Dec. 31
Center Closed

Tuesday, Jan. 1
Center Closed

Wednesday, Jan. 2
Turkey roast, cornbread dressing, giblet gravy, green beans, pumpkin custard, cranberry sauce, and skim milk.

Thursday, Jan. 3
Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad with dressing, whole-wheat roll, peaches, peanuts, and skim milk.

Friday, Jan. 4
Barbecue pork on bun, black bean and corn relish, chocolate pudding, orange, and skim milk.

Local residents receive degrees from UTM

MARTIN, Tenn. – Four Fulton residents were among students who received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during the recent fall commencement held in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center on the UT Martin campus.

The students receiving undergraduate degrees were:

• Fulton, Ky. – Brenna Lea Coffey Ray, Aaron LaMonte Ferrell, David Forrest Whitesell.

The student receiving a graduate degree was:

• Fulton, Ky. – Courtney Janette Hamrick.

Annie Laurie Burnette spends four years as a missionary

Annie Laurie Burnette was the fourth child of Clyde Naylor Burnette and Patti Mae. She married 8-16-1942 James Robert Covington (8-17-1917) of Paducah. She taught school and worked with Farm and Home Administration. Robert graduated from Tilghman High, Murray State College, taught school and pastured Zions Cause Church. Later attended Louisville Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and was pastor of Liberty Church in Fulton County. Moved to Fort Worth, Texas pastured Ridgelea Baptist Church and attended South Western Baptist Theological Seminary of Fort Worth and graduated. Bob and Laurie Covington spent four years as Missionaries in the Bahamas going from there to a one year tour of duty in Spain. After a furlough in the States, they went to Holland where they will serve for one year. All of this has been under the Auspices of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Their children are Dale Burnette (1-16-1945), Mary Pat (10-6-1947), and Robert Dean (9-8-52). Dale graduated from Union City High School, attended Union University and graduated from University of Tennessee at Knoxville. Taught Math in Maryville and is a computer Analysis Programmer in Nashville. He married 12-15-1967 to Jana Earle (8-13-1944) of Middlesboro, Ky. She is also a graduate of UT Knoxville. Their daughter Gretchen Suzzette is a senior in high school. Mary Pat graduated from Union City High attended Union University and graduated from University of Tennessee at Knoxville. She taught school until she married 12-20-1969, Wayne Roy Young (3-1-1945) of Knoxville. He is a career Army man with the rank of Major. They are now stationed in Germany. They have two children, Craig Covington (7-15-1972) and Laurie Marie (11-8-1975). Robert Dean married 8-25-1976 Merry Alvey (11-1-1951) of Normal, Ill. They both have a B.S. and a Master's degree in Library Science. Dean also has a Master's in Business Administration and is head of the Library Department at North Texas State University, Denton, Texas. Merry is a Librarian in public library in Dallas. They live in Fort Worth, Texas.

Safety

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Police Department and Fulton County Sheriff's Department," he said. "We plan on doing a practice drill with both departments with the scenario of a "shooter on the ground" or a "shooter in the building." There are plans to meet with both departments in January to continue evaluating the school's safety plan.

School Board member Melanie Atwill thinks it is wise to perform the drill without the students present. "I just don't think it is a good idea," she said.

All agreed that a resource officer is the avenue Supt. Bledsoe and the board should pursue. "After 911, grant monies were readily available for resource officers," stated Supt. Bledsoe, but as time went on, the funds started to dry up." They feel the need is there to have a trained individual on site, especially when only one police officer is on duty in the city of Hickman at the time school is in session.

"We need to start with the little things," School Board member Lynn Grissom added. "All day every day staff members should be assigned certain things to do and have a check list to utilize to make sure it keeps getting down. It will take little effort and time for someone to make sure doors are locked."

Atwill pointed out another positive reason to seek funding for a resource officer. "The resource officer will form a bond with the students," she said "Sometimes students will tell the resource officer something before they tell it to anyone else."





WORKING ON DEFENSE - Members of the Pilots Junior Varsity team DeVontae Hampton, Ryan Williams, Shay Freeman, Joe Holman, and Austin Matheny work on defense against a Heath Pirate on Tuesday, Dec. 18. (Photo by Charlotte Smith.)

Fourth quarter comeback not enough for JV Pilots

Charlotte Smith
Editor

After having a little trouble protecting the ball in the first half the Fulton County Pilots Junior Varsity basketball team pulled within two points, 27-29, of the visiting Pirates with 2:24 to go in the game. Unable to make up any more ground they succumbed to the quick boys in black and yellow, 32-36 on Tuesday, Dec. 18.

In the first quarter a basket by DeVontae Hampton with 2:05 left on the clock connected on a bucket to tie the game at seven all.

The Pirates then went on a seven-point running pulling out in front at the half, 7-14.

The Pilots had more trouble in the third quarter and found themselves in a hole 13-27 with six minutes left to play.

Halfway through the fourth quarter two free throw attempts made by Joe Holman pulled the Pilots within seven, 22-29. Austin Matheny would split on his two free throws and Aaron King made two more to inch ever closer.

Down by four now, 25-29, the Pilots needed a stop and Matheny came through with a steal and the bucket to pull his team within two, 27-29, with 2:24 to go in the game.

That is as close as the Pilots could get, a couple of Pilot fouls and made free throws by the Pirates put them out in front again by five.

A bucket by Aaron King with 44 seconds left in the game and a trey by Shay Freeman wasn't enough in the last minute of the game and the Pilots fell, 32-36 in the junior varsity game.

High scorer for the Pilots was Joe Holman with 14. He also had at least three rebounds, one assist, one steal and a blocked shot.

Pirates offensive weapons too much for Pilots on homecourt

Charlotte Smith
Editor

Shooting only 35.6% on the night, the Fulton County Pilots varsity basketball team quickly fell behind 12-24 after one period of play on Tuesday, Dec. 18 when they hosted the Heath Pirates. Unable to turn things around in the next three quarters, the Pilots lost the contest 43-76.

The Pilots were down 7-10 with just over three minutes left to play before turnovers quickly let the Pirates get out on top 10-16. More Pilot turnovers put them in a hole after the opening quarter.

Excellent free throw shooting by the Pirates at only 39.3% free throw shooting by the Pilots contributed to the 22-point deficit the Pilots faced after the first half.

Head Coach Andrew Clinton continued to substitute players in and out trying to find the right combination to shut the Pirates down, to no avail. The Pilots were down by 30 (36-66), with one quarter left to play.

The game ended with the Pilots running out of time against a very talented Pirate team. The Pilots were without Shaquon Wilson (knee injury at Fulton City) and Joe Holman (knee injury during the junior varsity game against Heath). The final score was 43-76.

Octavious Smith was the high scorer with 14 points and eight rebounds. Steven Roberson, back from the flu, missing the game at Fulton City, was strong with ten points and seven rebounds.

Others scoring and rebounding include: Damontrell Pierce with eight points and one rebound; Lakarrian Johnson with two points and four rebounds; Aaron King with two points and five rebounds, Austin Matheny with three points and one rebound; Ryan Williams with three points and one rebound; and Ladarrian Polk with two rebounds.



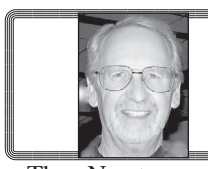
ARMED AND READY - Damontrell Pierce, #12, for the Pilots is ready on defense against the Pirate ball handler during a game on Tuesday, Dec. 18 in Hickman. (Photo by Charlotte Smith.)



MAKING A DONATION - Clara Polk (right) took advantage of the opportunity to clear her fines at the Hickman Public Library by donating canned goods for River Town Missions. Accepting the canned goods is Librarian Donna Hopper with Marsha Infinger in the background. On Thursday, Dec. 20 the Hickman Public Library held an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. (Photo by Barbara Atwill.)



OPEN HOUSE FESTIVITIES - Austin Henderson was one of the many who stopped by the Hickman Public Library on Thursday, Dec. 20 to sample the food during the library's open house. Erica Busby is pictured in the background. (Photo by Barbara Atwill.)



Sports In Kentucky
For the Hickman Courier
By Bob Watkins

The Newtown tragedy has stolen a core-something out of our Christmas. Exacerbated by a parade of assault weapon images on teevee, Apocalypse 2012 doom, and fiscal cliff woes, have tempered our joy this year. The season-to-be-jolly has a deep bruise on it.

In my lifetime, only the lingering grief after John F. Kennedy's assassination before Thanksgiving 1963 was as numbing, weighed so heavily on the American spirit as the Sandy Hook tragedy.

The Newtown nightmare has shaken us all. But thankfully, as Abraham Lincoln said, it has rallied "the better angels of our nature" too. In gestures from high profilers in sports ...

√ Baseball star Derek Jeter telephoned the mother of Sandy Hook Elementary teacher Victoria Soto, moving a relative to say. "People like Jeter have reached out. It brings some comfort," to the New York Daily News.

√ NFL New York Giant receiver Victor Cruz drove to Newtown to visit Jack Pinto's family. Idolized by little Jack, Cruz (and we) learned the child was buried wearing the player's No. 80.

√ Syracuse's Jim Boeheim accepted plaudits for his 900th coaching last week, but as the Sandy Hook Elementary wounds remained fresh, the ball coach used the moment to remind us of more important things.

√ At a postgame press conference in Columbus, Ohio last week Winthrop U. coach Pat Kelsey, father of two little girls, sat in front of "20 or more microphones," after his team lost to Ohio State and spoke of the Newtown disaster with such eloquence, it ought be a model for Impromptu speech-making by every high school and college speech class across the country.

If you haven't already, look it up - http://usat.ly/RD2vHM

"I'm only a coach. I'm not smart enough to understand all this," Kelsey said in part, then added, "I didn't vote for Barack Obama, but he is MY president! I hope he and (Speaker of the House) John Boehner" will to do something about (our guns-in-America) problem."

√ Best of all, Ann Curry at NBC News sent forth a tweet suggesting, in honor of the fallen children at Sandy Hook, we ought to dedicate ourselves to 26 acts of kindness. Large, small, anonymous or not, do something, say something to and for the betterment of our fellows in this life.

Curry's idea has taken wing round USA and around the globe.

What greater good can we do than pay-it-forward 26 times in memory of 26 fallen angels?

GIFT HOPES FROM HERE

This week a few random gift ideas around and about.

GIFT. Duke got high school media darling Jabari Parker, right? Wrong!

Other way round. Parker gets to learn from Mike Krzyzewski. In a Coach K cocoon, the kid can sharpen and hone his mind and values along with his game.

GIFT. The emergence of Jarrod Polson at Kentucky is a gift for Big Blue Nation. A reminder that native sons can rise and perform at highest levels far beyond star-rating nonsense.

GIFT. Jarrod Polson give back? Patience. I hope he skips the cash-in cheerleader paperback version of inside-the-program book on Kentucky basketball. That he holds off a decade for more penetrating perspective of his experience.

GIFT. Willie Taggart to Willie Taggart. Western Kentucky U. paid its football coach $475,000 a year. South Florida will pay Taggart $1.1 million each of five years ... unless USF fires him or the coach jumps to another job.

Taggart told the Bowling Green Daily News his move was not about going home to south Florida and "it wasn't about the money at all. It was more from a career standpoint and moving on."

In other words, the coach moved his lips. It was about the money.

GIFT. Bellarmine Knights. At 8-0. our state's lone unbeaten college team at Christmas, is ranked fourth in NABC. Equally notable, coach Scotty Davenport's team has a collective 3.0 grade point average at the break. Fifteen semesters in a row.

"They can still do better, our goal will be to have the highest team GPA in my 8 seasons this spring," declared the coach.

GIFT. For Bears and Patriots fans, Pikeville U. and University of Cumberlands arrived at Christmas with 13-1 and 12-1 records respectively.

To entertain its fans, UPike topped 100 points in half its 14 games.

Cumberlands won 12 in a row before a fall at IU-Southeast.

GIFT. College basketball. Division I's 344 men's ball coach fraternity has its share of show-me-the-money job jumpers, cheaters, and those who operate at edge of NCAA rules, but there is a Best of the Best list of coaches who balance winning, educating athletes and give-back to community.

They are a gift to all of us. One man's Top 10 (in order): Mike Krzyzewski (Duke), Jim Boeheim (Syracuse), Billy Donovan (Florida), Mark Few (Gonzaga), Tom Izzo (Michigan State, Tubby Smith (Minnesota), Shaka Smart (VCU), Steve Alford (New Mexico), Brad Stevens (Butler) and, most recently, Pat Kelsey (Winthrop).

Gifts. There are many others for you and from you around the Bluegrass State. These have been a few of mine.

PARTING SHOT

"I care not what others think of what I do, but I care very much about what I think of what I do. That is character" – Teddy Roosevelt

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TOGETHER FOR THE HOLIDAY - Fulton County employees were together on Wednesday, Dec. 19 for their annual Christmas gathering at Cayce Cafe. (Photo by Barbara Atwill.)

River Cruises offer guided views of bald eagles

Got the winter blues? Then cast off on a river cruise with Land Between The Lakes (LBL) National Recreation Area staff to search the shores of Kentucky Lake for bald eagles while enjoying the comforts of the CQ Princess luxury yacht.

Enjoy a delicious meal and relaxing cruise on Kentucky Lake for a unique experience on the CQ Princess. On these three hour cruises, LBL interpreters will tell the story of our nation's symbol, the bald eagle, as well as help you spot these majestic birds in the wild. Space is still available for cruises on Jan. 19, from 8:30 -11:30 a.m. (brunch cruise) and 1-4 p.m. (lunch cruise), Jan. 20, from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. (lunch cruise), and Jan. 21, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day* (lunch cruise). All tours cost $60 per person and include meals.

"Eagle river cruises are a wonderful experience," said Carrie Szwed, Nature Station Public Programs Coordinator. "You'll enjoy great views of bald eagles and other wildlife while taking in the beautiful sights of Kentucky Lake and its forested shoreline."

The CQ Princess is a 96-foot long vessel offering great visibility from inside its heated cabin or outside on the deck. The CQ Princess departs from Kenlake State Resort Park Marina. Restrooms and hot beverages are available on board. For a view of the ship, visit www.cqriverside.com.

If you are interested in additional eagle tours, LBL also offers Eagle Viewing Van Trips from 1 - 4:30 p.m. on January 5, 6, 12, and 13, and from 1:30 – 5 p.m. on January 27, February 2, 3, and 10. Guides will take you to the best wildlife viewing hot spots on the 170,000-acre recreation area. Tours require moderate walking. Dress for the weather. Meet and depart from the Golden Pond Visitor Center. Van trips cost $5 ages 12 & under and $7 ages 13 & up.

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Guns

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introduce or reintroduce gun control legislation, ranging from a reinstatement of a federal ban on assault weapons to banning the sale of high-capacity magazines.

Friday (Dec. 14), just after the shooting, White House spokesman Jay Carney said President Obama was willing to consider reinstating the assault weapons ban that expired in 2004.

CNN said that on Monday, the White House inched closer to addressing what Carney called a complex problem. And Tuesday afternoon (Dec. 18), Carney said the president now supports Sen. Diane Feinstein's intended effort to reinstate the assault weapons ban.

How do readers of the local newspaper feel? There were several comments posted on The Hickman Courier's official Facebook page by 18 individuals.

Many of those 18 who commented believe that the gun is a tool and the gun shouldn't be blamed. "Blame the one that pulled the trigger," said David Weatherly of Hickman, "Restricting gun ownership for law abiding citizens will in no way diminish a sociopaths ability to acquire a firearm."

There are a few who agree with a ban on assault rifles, like Emily McMahon. "I see no reason for someone to own an AR 15," she said.

Others retorted by stating their interpretation of the Second Amendment is there to allow people to overthrow a tyrannical government. Andy Lucy believes if you ban automatic weapons "you are denying Americans their institutional right to be as well armed as the military."

A few would like to see a ban on violent games and movies, like Gloria Choate, Sarah Hinson and Sherry Pitzer. Pitzer would also like the government to provide more help for mental illness. "Any time there are budget cuts, mental health is one of the first places funds are cut," noted Hinson. "Hickman County no longer has Centerstone because of budget cuts."

Many pointed out other acts of violence committed on U.S. soil that did not involve a gun like the terrorist attack on 911 were committed by men intent of killing Amercians with box blades and airplanes, pointed out by Michael Powers. Powers also mentions Timothy McVeigh killing 169 Americans (including 19 children) using fertilizer, some fuel and rental trucks.

Powers believes that this country needs to wake up and realize that there are people who are capable of committing these horrible acts, prepare ourselves….yes, by arming ourselves, and reducing the restrictions on the ability of law abiding citizens to defend themselves.

Chicago banned handguns in 1982 and in the years since murders by handguns have averaged 40 percent more than before the ban.

According to reports, in 2005 96 percent of firearm murder victims in Chicago were killed with handguns.

It seems that every time there is a high-profile shooting the subject of gun control surfaces. But removing guns or limiting gun ownership just doesn't sound like a good way to go, at least not in the south.

Another statistic pointed out by Ken Love is "of the 8,775 murders in the US in 2010, only 358 were committed with a rifle. It was less than knives, blunt objects, and unarmed people (fist, legs, and hands)."

Eric Lewis agrees with the old saying "Guns don't kill people... People do." Lewis, an avid hunter has been hunting since he held his first Red Rider BB gun. "I can't imagine shooting a person," he said. "After pulling the trigger so many times while hunting wild game, I still have a hard time imagining a man in my crosshairs. The concept of drawing my weapon to actually shoot someone still makes me cringe. Don't get me wrong, I'm "prepared" to defend my home against threat and danger…I guess my father taught me well, when it comes to knowing my target before I pull the trigger."

A great man once said that: "a free people ought not only to be armed and disciplined, but they should have sufficient arms and ammunition to maintain a status of independence for any who might attempt to abuse them, which would include their own government." That great man's name was George Washington.

If early colonists had been limited on their gun ownership this nation may be flying a different flag today than the Stars and Stripes.

Outage texting is now available at HFRECC

Now it's faster and easier than ever to report your power outage to Hickman-Fulton Counties Rural Electric Cooperative (HFRECC). They recently launched a new service enabling members to report power outages to HFRECC via text messaging. The service was developed to be another convenient way to communicate with them!

To utilize their new texting service, you will need to complete a short registration process. Your cell phone number must also be on file at HFRECC for the registration process to be completed successfully. If you have not provided your cell phone number to HFRECC in the past, please contact us at (800) 633-1391 to do so.

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- On the Account Verification page, enter your cell phone number and click the Submit button.

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You will then be directed to a screen listing the account number(s) associated with your cell phone number. On this screen, you'll find the number to which outages should be texted. Make sure to add this number to your cell phone's contact list so it will be readily available when a power outage occurs. In the instance that you may have multiple accounts with HFRECC, you will be provided with instructions on how to set up key word indicators for each account (i.e. home, well, cabin, garage, barn, etc.). This process will increase the likelihood of reporting individual or full outages successfully. After entering/verifying your outage information and clicking "Submit" button, you'll be all set to text your next power outage to them.

Texting an Outage

Texting your outage to HFRECC just requires a few simple steps:

- Open a new text message in your cell phone,
- Type "Outage" (without quotes, not case sensitive),
- Enter the outage number provided during the sign-up process in the "Send To" field, and

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TIME WITH FAMILY - Autumn Hamil, granddaughter of The Citizens Bank employee Tina Hamil enjoys a little together time during the bank's annual Christmas Open House held on Friday, Dec. 21. The Open House took place in Hickman and Fulton from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Will Rice, bank employee is pictured in the background. (See additional photo on page 8.) (Photo by Barbara Atwill.)

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Obituaries

Dr. Michael S. Danielson

Dr. Michael S. Danielson, 69, a resident of Fulton, Ky., died December 17, 2012, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn.

Born September 21, 1943, in Detroit, Mich., he was the son of the late Steven and Mildred (Zinn) Danielson. He was an emergency room doctor who came to this area in 1998 from Chicago, Ill.

Survivors include his wife, Sangra (Zimmerman) Danielson of Fulton; one daughter, Melissa Danielson of Chicago, Ill.; one son, Steven Danielson of Fulton; and one grandchild.

One sister preceded him in death.

A memorial gathering was held December 20, at Hornbeak Funeral Chapel in Fulton.

In lieu of flowers memorials were to go to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), 424 E 92nd St., New York, NY 10128-6804.

Larry Haney

Larry Haney, 84, a resident of South Fulton, Tenn., died December 19, 2012, at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Union City, Tenn.

Born May 22, 1928, in Fulton County, Ky., he was the son of the late John J. and Margaret (Everett) Haney. He was a member of Cayce Baptist Church and was a retired maintenance worker for the former Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company. He had lived most of his life in the Cayce Community.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Edna Rose (DeHart) Haney, to whom he married April 28, 1951; one daughter, Patricia Ann (Steve) Pryor of Springfield, Tenn.; one son, Larry Gene Haney of South Fulton; three grandchildren, Kristopher Chad (Angela) Pryor and Justin Lee (Chavonne) Pryor, all of Pleasant View, Tenn., and Jennifer Lauren (Thomas) Moore of Almo, Ky.; eight great-grandchildren; and one brother, Lawrence Alvin Haney of South Fulton.

Three sisters, Martha Brunswick, Meta Griffith, and Mary Haney, and one brother, Charles Mack Haney, preceded him in death.

Services were held December 21, at Cayce Baptist Church with Rev. Michael Farmer and Rev. James stairs officiating. Burial followed in Obion Co. Memorial Gardens.

Hornbeak Funeral Chapel of Fulton was in charge of arrangements.

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Hickman Police Department News

The Hickman Police Department reports these arrests, citations, investigations and fire calls for Hickman and Cayce Volunteer Fire Departments for Sunday, Dec. 16 – Wednesday, Dec. 19:

Sunday, Dec. 16:

• Responded to a call about a male intoxicated on 7th Street.

• Traffic stop across from Hickman Manor.

• Responded to an animal complaint on Cottonwood Drive.

• Responded to a minor accident at 1900 S. 7th St.

• Served failure to appear warrant on Eddie Cox.

Monday, Dec 17:

• Arrested Albert Mayes on Ivey St for alcohol intoxication, resisting arrest, etc.

Tuesday, Dec.18:

• Responded to an animal complaint at 1815 Cottonwood Dr.

• Responded to a 911 hang up at 1001 Moscow Ave.

• Traffic stop on S 7th St.

Wednesday, Dec. 19

• Responded to an altercation at 1503 Harrison St.

• Responded to a possible vandalism at 900 Troy Ave.

• Responded to noise complaint on Cedar St.

Fulton County Sheriff's News

The Fulton County Sheriff's Department reports these arrests and citations for Monday, Dec. 17 – Thursday, Dec. 20:

Monday, Dec. 17:

• Charles M. Alcorn of Danville, Ky., black male, arrested, bench warrant failure to pay (Boyle County).

Tuesday, Dec. 18:

• Gina Hatt of Troy, Tenn., white female, arrested, failure to appear.

Wednesday, Dec. 19:

• Chycoby Isbell of Fulton, Ky., black male, arrested, violation of terms and conditions of probation 2 counts.

• Jeffrey L. Hendrix of Hickman, Ky., black male, arrested, trafficking in controlled substance 1st degree 1st offense 5 counts (Grand Jury indictments).

Thursday, Dec. 20:

• Michael L. Wilson of Troy, Tenn., white male, arrested, indictment – criminal possession of forged instrument 2nd.

Bluff Briefs

Seminar to help lose weight to be held in Fulton

A ten video seminar that will help with lowering cholesterol, managing/preventing type 2 diabetes and weight loss/managing weight will start Tuesday, Jan. 8 through Tuesday, March 12. The free seminar will be held at the First United Methodist Church's Willingham Center, located at 200 Carr Street in Fulton, from 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. Call 270-472-3510 by January 2 to register. (By registering, you are committing to attend at least 8 of the 10 session in the series.) Participants attending 8 of 10 sessions will be eligible for a gift card drawing. Space is limited so register early. Sponsored by Willingham Center and Purchase District Health Department.

Recycling of paper products to be in Hickman

Recycling of paper products will be collected on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., at the Fulton County Road Department in Hickman.

Assistance available for area Veterans

Veterans and their families will be provided counseling and assistance in filing claims for state and federal benefits. This is a free service provided by the state of Kentucky. For more information please contact Ron McClure, Regional Field Representative, Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs (KDVA) at (270) 247-2455 ext. 73905. The office will closed December 20, 2012 through January 1, 2013 and will re-open on Wednesday, January 2, 2013. To schedule an appointment call 270-247-2455.

School

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another six months we will have more money and we can purchase the bus out right."

"If we wait," stated School Board member Lynn Grissom, "we are not following what we said we would do." He said the board made a commitment to purchase a new bus every other year to keep the fleet in good shape.

When Supt. Bledsoe explained that the bus is purchased through the state and it could take up to six months for the bus to be delivered and it wouldn't have to be paid for until it arrived, the board agreed to make the purchase now. This will help avoid any potential increases there might be. The cost of the bus is $76,726, with a couple of options.

Developing a performance survey and changing the evaluation policy were also discussed last Thursday. The board agreed to adopt the new policy for the evaluation of the superintendent with one change. "I think it should "may" discuss in closed session instead of "shall," stated Grissom. "That way if the new board wants to discuss it in open session they can."

It was also decided to let the new board create the performance survey questionnaire since they will be the ones evaluating the superintendent when the time comes.

All items approved include:

• School Board training hours

• School Board Meeting dates for 2013

• Yearly Audit Report

• Early Graduation Request from Gabrielle Readenour

The board also requested information on the sports income and cost per school along with salary schedule for coaches and assistant coaches to review. Fulton County Althetic Director Vito Spadafino provided additional information and answered questions from the board members. He explained that a fluctuation in admission prices has taken place to try to accommodate everyone. "It was just a big jump from $3 to $5," he said. "More people seem to be willing to pay $4." Spadafino also added that they will be adding other area schools to their schedules, which helps attract larger crowds.

"It does help budget wise if one of the teams makes it to regional play," he said. "When they don't we have to buckle down and watch what we spend. At this time we are not in any danger."

Spadafino did ask the board to evaluate the stipends allotted for coaches, especially assistant coaches, like Bruce Elam who as been an assistant coach for the middle school football team for 12 years.

The school field trip policy change was still tabled while the board awaits additional information from Finance Officer Julie Vowell. She was unable to attend due to illness.

Upcoming events for next semester include: FAFSA Night, January 7; Truth or Consequences for freshmen, January 9; ASVAB Day, military recruiters on campus to review scores with juniors, January 10; FAFSA Night, January 14; UTM campus tour for seniors and juniors, January 15; and MSU campus tour for seniors and juniors, January 30.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m. The next meeting will take place on Thursday, Jan. 17, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the board office.



REWARDED - Fulton County teacher Beth McWhirt (left) received a certificate of excellence from Superintendent Dennis Bledsoe for her achievement in becoming a National Board Certified teacher. (Photo submitted.)

Golden Pond Planetarium open all-year

Land Between The Lakes (LBL) National Recreation Area is pleased to announce the Golden Pond Planetarium will be open all-year beginning January 2, 2013. This is the first year the planetarium has not needed to close for extended maintenance since the new full-dome digital projector system was installed at the beginning of the 2012 season. The planetarium will be open 7 days a week with various programs throughout each day. For a complete show schedule, visit www.lbl.org or call 270-924-2233. Come on out, beat the winter blues, and enjoy a day under the stars!

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December 17, 2013

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has duly qualified as Executor for the estate of Mary Pauline Cagle, deceased. All persons indebted to said estate shall pay any such indebtedness promptly, and all persons having claims against said estate shall present the same, properly verified according to law, to the undersigned, Hon. Rebecca Biehslich, Whitledge & Associates, PLLC, 309 Carr Street, Fulton, KY 42041, or Sarah Johnson, Circuit Clerk, P.O. Box 198, Hickman, KY 42050, no later than June20, 2013.

Richard Cagle
Executor
346 State Route 58 E
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SANTA LOOK ALIKES - These Santa Look Alikes were enjoying the fifth grade play of Camel Lot on Tuesay, Dec. 18 at Fulton County Elementary/Middle School. They performed a song or two, as well.



VARIETY OF CHARACTERS - Many from the fifth grade at Fulton County Elementary/Middle School had a speaking part in the play Camel Lot performed on Tuesday, Dec. 18. Here some of the students act out a scene in the play. (Photo by Chalotte Smith.)



OPEN HOUSE - (At right) Edie Rodgers (right) is all smiles and dressed in red as she waits for her dad, Chris Rodgers, to pour her some punch during The Citizens Bank's Open House. (Photo by Barbara Atwill.)

Port

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a normal with the drafts, "he added. "Change in the water levels has drastically altered the loading and unloading recently. We are back up to normal barge drafts for now." Curlin added that river levels above 20 to 22 feet puts them in better shape for operating in the harbor.

Unfortunately future forecasts indicate that water levels could continue to remain low with the lack of rain predicted after the first of the year. "We will likely see low water levels in the spring," added Curlin. This is not good news considering the fact that the Memphis port is the only Port in the Memphis District to receive funding for dredging in 2013.

Right now the port is fortunate that the water flow in this area is generated mostly from the Ohio River. Water coming out of the Missouri River feeding into the Mississippi River is at 88,000 cubic feet per second and other tributaries on the upper Mississippi contribute about 121,100 cubic feet per second. "We have not been affected as much by the lack of flow from the Missouri River or the Upper Mississippi because we get most of our flow from the Ohio River and it is flowing at around 281,000 cubic feet per second," Curlin said.

Continuing to look for ways to guarantee dredging funds will again be a focus of the port authority in 2013, Curlin traveled to several meetings during the last month including the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association meeting in New Orleans. "The Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association did stress the importance of getting funding for dredging for the small harbors," stated Curlin.

Curlin also informed the board of leadership changes made during the Annual Meeting, Dr. Norma Jean Mattei, the interim Dean of Engineering at the University of New Orleans, will replace Clifford Smith on the Mississippi River Commission and Rob Rash, with the St. Francis Levee District of Arkansas, has been appointed to take over as executive vice president of the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association for George Grugett, who will remain on the board as an advisory member. "Rob is a go getter and will do a great job," added Curlin.

Curlin reiterated the matching grant the port received for dock work that will provide better access to the barges, while making it safer and more convenient at the same time.

The River Port Authority was informed that George A. Jones, Magistrate from District 2, will replace Billy Nelms, Jr., Magistrate from District 1, as a board member representing the county by Judge/Executive David Gallagher. Mr. Jones will take over for Mr. Nelms starting in January of 2013.

The Port is slated to meet again in regular session on Tuesday, Jan. 22 at 2 p.m.

Outages

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WHERE IS THIS IN HICKMAN? - Last week David Hobbs knew that the Happy Birthday Jesus sign was on Moscow Avenue. Can anyone tell us where this wind chime is? If so, call us on Friday, Dec. 28 after 9 a.m. at 236-3412 to claim your prize of The Hickman Courier free for four weeks. (You must pick it up in the office.) (Photo by Barbara Atwill.)



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Angie Gabrielle "Gabby" Alexander

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Brothers and sisters names: Kayra Alexander, Kaden Alexander, Kamryn Kirk, and Jonathan Kirk

Sports you play: I played volleyball for 3 years, and archery.

Church and/or community involvement: Calvary Church in Union City, Tenn.

Plans after graduation: I plan to go to Pittsburg, Penn., to the Art Institute to become a special effects makeup artist.

Clubs, activities, accomplishments, and etc.: Beta, FBLA, Spanish Club, Science Club, JAM2, and FFA.

Favorite part of school: Getting to hang out and see my friends.

Something interesting about yourself: I like to draw and do special effects makeup.

Fondest memory while at Fulton County High School: Senior Parade on the first day of school.



Grant Wiley

Parent's names: Brad and Rhonda Wiley and Erica Busby

Brothers and sisters names: Cullen Wiley

Church and/or community involvement: West Hickman Baptist Church and Habitat for Humanity

Plans after graduation: Attend Murray State University majoring in Nursing.

Clubs, activities, accomplishments, and etc.: Skills USA, JAM2, Pilot Army; and placed in the Regional Carpentry Competition.

Favorite part of school: Lunch, and shop classes after 3rd period.

Something interesting about yourself: I like hanging out with J-bird and chief at the spot.

Fondest memory while at Fulton County High School: When we spray painted the park benches while making our Senior shirts.

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